

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A semi-solid composition suitable for use in single-dose form in personal oral, dental, or skin care, ~~characterised in that~~ the composition comprising:
comprises

~~a semi-solid gel; the gel comprising at least one pharmaceutically acceptable~~ homogenous and non-encapsulated single-dose gel bead comprised of an active ingredient intimately mixed with at least one gelling agent[[;]],

~~the at least one gelling agent providing, upon solidification, a semi-solid gel having a gel framework which breaks comprising sufficient containment means for the at least one active ingredient during storage; the gel framework being capable of breaking apart when the gel bead composition is forcibly disrupted by a person and making the at least one active ingredient available for use in a personal oral, dental, or skin care procedure.~~

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A semi-solid composition as claimed in claim [[2]] 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the gelling agent includes agar at a concentration in a range of from about 0.1 to about 2 per cent by weight.

4. (currently amended) A semi-solid composition as claimed in claim [[2]] 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the gelling agent comprises agar at a concentration in a range of from about 0.3 to about 0.95 per cent by weight.

5. (currently amended) A semi-solid composition as claimed in claim [[2]] 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the gelling agent comprises gelatin at a concentration in a range of from about 1 to about 4 per cent by weight.

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) A bead comprised of a semi-solid composition as claimed in claim [[6]] 1, ~~characterised in that each bead is homogenous and non-encapsulated and includes~~ wherein the active ingredient is a dentifrice sufficient ~~active ingredients~~ for a single dental care procedure.

8. (currently amended) A bead comprised of a semi-solid composition as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein

the bead has a mass in the range of from about 0.4 gram to about 1 gram .

9. (currently amended) A bead comprised of a semi-solid composition according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that at least one characteristic of~~ wherein the bead has at least one of ~~selected from the range of:~~ a shape, a colour, and a flavour ~~is selected in order to appeal in particular~~ appealing to a child, ~~so that the child is more likely to make use of the bead for dental hygiene use.~~

10. (withdrawn-currently amended) A kit or pack for use in dental care, including at least one bead of a semi-solid gel as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ~~at least one~~ bead is stored within a compartment within the kit or pack.

11. (withdrawn-currently amended) A kit or pack for use in dental care as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the pack further provides an application tool including means for contacting a plurality of surfaces of the person's teeth, so that after disruption of a bead and release of the at least one active ingredient adjacent to the teeth, use of the tool promotes cleansing of the teeth.

12. (withdrawn-currently amended) A kit or pack as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each compartment comprises a depression formed in a deformable sheet and covering means for covering the depression.

13. (currently amended) A semi-solid oral ~~care~~ composition as claimed in claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, ~~including active ingredients~~ wherein the active ingredient comprises ~~characteristic~~ one of a mouth freshener ~~[[/]]~~ and an oral disinfectant ~~typically including a surface active agent, a foam stabiliser, a disinfectant, and a flavouring agent, characterised in that the composition includes one or more gelling agents in an amount sufficient to maintain structural integrity of a gel framework during storage yet permitting the structure to break apart when forcibly disrupted by a person.~~

14. (withdrawn-currently amended) A kit or pack for use in oral care, including at least one bead of a semi-solid composition as claimed in claim ~~13,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the pack includes at least one bead provided within a compartment and wherein the at least one active ingredients of the semi-solid composition include a disinfectant material, so that after ingestion and disruption within the mouth, odour from the person's mouth or pharynx is reduced.

15. (withdrawn-currently amended) A semi-solid skin care composition as claimed in claim [[2]] 1, including at least one active ingredient characteristic of a personal skin care composition, such as a surface-active agent or soap, a foam stabiliser, a moisturiser, [[;]] a skin conditioner, a flavouring agent, a compound capable of absorbing ultra-violet light, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the composition includes one or more gelling agents in an amount sufficient to maintain structural integrity during storage yet permitting the structure to break apart and release the at least one active ingredient when forcibly disrupted by a person.

16. (withdrawn-currently amended) A kit or pack for use in skin care, including at least one bead comprised of a semi-solid composition as claimed in claim 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the at least one bead is provided within a compartment.

17. (withdrawn-currently amended) A kit or pack for use in skin care as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the pack further includes shaving means including at least one item selected from: a brush, a disposable razor, and one or more beads comprised of toiletry materials selected from the range of pre-shave conditioners, after-shave conditioners, and moisturisers.

18. (withdrawn-currently amended) A kit or pack for use in skin care as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the pack includes at least one tool, and at least one bead of a semi-solid composition held within corresponding cavities within a blister pack.

19-22. (canceled)

23. (new) A semi-solid homogeneous gel bead for use in single-dose form in personal oral, dental or skin care, comprising:

a gelling agent; and

an active dentifrice ingredient intimately mixed with said gelling agent to form a mixed homogeneous composition,

wherein the composition has a semi-solid form,

wherein said gelling agent provides a gel framework to contain said active ingredient during storage, and

wherein the gel framework is configured to break apart and release said active ingredient upon being forcibly disrupted by a person in any of an oral, dental, or skin care procedure.

24. (new) The semi-solid bead as claimed in claim 23, wherein said gelling agent includes agar at a concentration ranging between 0.1% by weight to 2% by weight.

25. (new) The semi-solid bead as claimed in claim 23, wherein said gelling agent includes agar at a concentration ranging between 0.3% by weight to 0.95% by weight.

26. (new) The semi-solid bead as claimed in claim 23, wherein said gelling agent includes gelatin at a concentration ranging between 1% by weight to 4% by weight.

27. (new) The semi-solid bead as claimed in claim 23, wherein the composition has a mass ranging between 0.4 grams to 1 gram.